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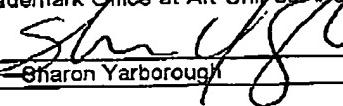
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Date: January 12, 2004



Sharon Yarborough
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IN RE APPLICATION OF: HELLAND
SERIAL NO.: 09/297,406
FILED: APRIL 29, 1999
FOR: CLAMPING DEVICE AND PRODUCTION
 PROCESS

EXAMINER: JAMES BRITTAINE
ART UNIT: 3677
ATTY. DKT NO.: 59162-8005

Mail Stop: Box No-Fee Amendment
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 P.O. Box 1450
 Arlington, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL

- Transmitted herewith are the following documents for the above-referenced application:
 Amendment

STATUS

- Applicant is:
 small entity.

EXTENSION OF TIME

- Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Extension (months)</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>	<u>Fee for small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 420.00	\$210.00

- Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is hereby made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
 If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.

- An extension for ___ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$0.00 is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested: No Extension fee due with this request

FEE FOR CLAIMS

- The fee for claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY Filing Fee: \$385.00	OR	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY Filing Fee: \$770.00
Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid for	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee	Rate
Total 20	Minus 20	=	x9=	\$	x18= \$0
Indep. 3	Minus 3	=	x43=	\$	x86= \$0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			+145=	\$	x290= \$0
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					\$0

- No additional fee for claims required.
 Total additional fee for claims required \$0.00

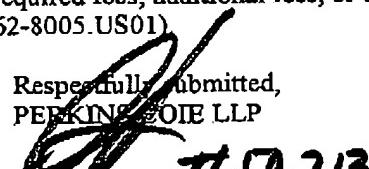
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FEE DEFICIENCY

- The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees, additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-2283 (59162-8005.US01)

Respectfully submitted,
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2003,
 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2, amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper. Please note the attached proposed drawing.